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" JOHN S. PETTY, }
" J. J. MANKER, *Statistical Secretary.*

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ABSTRACT OF THE DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 1868.

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in their Chapel in the city of Chattanooga, at 9 o'clock, A.M., Bishop D. W. Clark presiding. The Bishop conducted the opening religious services by reading the 46th Psalm and 1st chapter of John's Gospel; and, after singing, Rev. Dr. Pearne led in prayer. The members of the Conference with emotions of gratitude joined in the communion of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and sixty members answered to their names.

On motion, Rev. Jno. F. Spence was re-elected Secretary of the Conference, and J. N. S. Huffaker and John S. Petty Assistants.

Rev. J. J. Manker was elected Statistical Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Pearne presented a resolution on standing committees, which was adopted.

Rev. E. O. Tade, of the Congregational Church, and Rev. James Mitchell, of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, the session hours of the Conference were fixed between 8½, A.M., and 12, M.

The Chair proceeded to take up the eleventh question.

QUESTION. *Who are the Effective Elders?*

ANSWER. Wm. Milburn, L. F. Drake, D. B. Carter, J. L. Mann, Joseph Milburn, Isaac Fortner, G. C. Andrews, A. R. Bennick, W. C. Graves, R. W. Patty, Wm. Kinsland, T. H. Pearne, T. H. Russell, A. J. Greer, J. N. S. Huffaker, J. A. Hyden, W. R. Long, N. E. Cobleigh, W. C. Daily, J. W. Mann, R. D. Black, M. H. B. Burkett, W. H. Rogers, J. B. Little, John Forrester, E. Still, P. H. Reed, F. M. Fanning, A. F. English, J. F. Woodfin, B. F. Wells and J. G. Trull, were severally called, approved and passed.

G. C. Andrews was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

The 7th and 8th questions were called, and J. F. Spence, G. A. Gowan, James Cumming, R. H. Guthrie, W. H. Duggin, John Ally, T. P. Rutherford, John Leach and A. F. Shannon were severally passed and relation continued.

E. E. Gillenwaters' character passed and located at his own request.

S. B. Harwell, returned, withdrawn from the connection.

The report of the Church Extension Society, also exhibits of the Eastern and Western Book Rooms, were presented and read by the Secretary.

A Committee on Church Finances was raised by the Conference.

On motion, it was agreed that the first half hour of each session should be devoted to religious exercises.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

SECOND DAY.

CHATTANOOGA, October 9, 1867.

The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. F. M. Fanning.

Journal read and approved.

Rev. L. F. Drake, Secretary of the Committee on Nominations, presented their report, which was adopted as a whole.

Circulars from the Sunday School and Tract Societies were presented to the Conference and referred to their appropriate committees.

Rev. Dr. Walden, of the Western Book Concern, Rev. H. Stephens, of the Tennessee, Rev. Dr. Fuller, of the Rock River, Rev. D. W. Hammond, of the Minnesota, Rev. W. H. Black, of the Kentucky, and Rev. C. P. Frame, of the Cincinnati Conferences, were severally presented and introduuced to the Conference.

Rev. T. S. Walker, character passed and advanced to a Deacons of the 2d class.

Rev. S. W. Hyden and R. O. Ayres were passed and advanced to Deacons of the 2d class.

Joseph P. Milburn, being absent, character passed and continued as a Deacon of the 2d class.

QUESTION 4th. *Who are the Deacons?*

ANSWER. J. W. Peace, J. N. Stamper, P. L. Chambers and T. R. West, were severally called and passed.

W. P. Jackson was passed and advanced to a Deacon of the 2d class.

James B. Fitzgerald, John Mahoney, H. J. Crumly and Daniel Carter, were represented and passed.

George W. Coleman was passed and elected to Elders orders.

Samuel M. Tate, John Pendergrast and John Cox, were elected to Local Elders Orders.

2d QUESTION. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. John M. Mitchell, John R. Hughes, Samuel Greer, James M. Durham, A. B. Wright, H. H. Burke and Isaac N. Knox, were severally passed and advanced to the second year's probation.

A. G. Watkins, Henry Pile, Thomas K. Clark, Charles R. Mays and Thomas W. Atkin, not being before the committee, were simply passed.

Samuel W. Lee was discontinued at his own request.

Rev. R. D. Black was appointed a Committee on Post Offices.

Rev. G. W. Coleman was appointed Financial Committee for the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

James McAdams was elected to Local Deacon's Orders and admitted on trial.

Local Deacon's: George H. Carden, Isaac Wofford, Daniel

Hickson, C. J. Crofts, John W. Dodson, B. F. Bryant, Samuel W. Lee and Thos. Hardin, were severally elected to Local Deacons Order.

Communications from the East Tennessee Wesleyan University and Jonesboro' Female College, were presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

After the usual announcements, Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

CHATTANOOGA, October 10, 1868.

The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. L. F. Drake.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

On motion, A. F. English was made supernumerary without appointment.

Rev. A. R. Bennick was continued as the President of the Franklin Institute.

The 2nd question being called, T. R. Welsh and J. G. Trull were represented and passed.

John S. Petty, J. A. Ruble, Thomas H. Cass, Lemuel Bogart, J. L. Cardwell and J. J. Manker, having passed the prescribed course of study were received into full connection.

John S. Petty was elected to Deacon's Orders.

Rev. Dr. Hitchcock, Agent of the Western Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the members concerning the literature of the Church.

The Committee on Church Paper made their report through the Chairman, Prof. John F. Spence.

17th QUESTION. *Where will you have the next Conference?*

ANSWER. Jonesboro'.

Rev. L. F. Drake, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented their report, which was adopted.

John H. Jennings was recommended, admitted on trial and elected to Local Elder's Orders.

Rev. Dr. Cobleigh presented and read the report on education.

By order of the Conference, the Chair appointed Dr. T. H Pearne, W. H. Rogers and L. F. Drake, to examine and report the true condition of the Jonesboro' Female College.

Rev. R. O. Ayres was elected to Elders Order.

George W. Coleman and W. R. Long were appointed a Committee to solicit funds to aid Rev. R. O. Ayres in meeting the loss sustained by having his horse stolen. Committee reported a collection of $51 25.

J. N. S. Huffaker, Assistant Secretary, was appointed a Committee on Conference Minutes.

Conference adjourned to meet on Monday, at 8½, A.M.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 12, 1868.

Conference convened at the appointed hour.

The religious services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Mann.

The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

First question was called and Rev. Daniel Richardson was received on trial, and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Bramwell B. Redwine, Samuel Richardson, Wesley Harkins, M. H. Nichols, James D. Lawson, R. M. Witt, Spencer Henry, John W. Dodson, George Julian, James A. McGriff and Thos. W. Brown, were severally represented and received on trial.

Jeremiah Gudger, Thomas De Witt and Samuel Patterson were received on trial from the Zion Methodist Church; also John C. Tate, Reuben Wallace and Harrison Hunter, were recommended and received on trial.

Report on Church Extension was read and adopted.

Reports on Temperance and Lay Delegation were presented, read and adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send the published minutes subscribed for by the members to the Presiding Elders.

The Chair announced the Committees on Examination for the ensuing year.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

The following persons were ordained by me on the 11th inst., to-wit: Deacons—John S. Petty, James M. Adams, Caleb J. Crofts, Jonn W. Dodson, Samuel W. Lee, George W. Carden.

Elders—S. W. Hyden, George W. Coleman, Samuel M. Tate, John H. Jennings, Robert O. Ayres.

(Signed) D. W. CLARK.

On motion, a Committee of Three, consisting of Prof. J. F. Spence, J. W. Mann and J. J. Manker, be and are hereby appointed to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the Tennessee Conference, in reference to the holding of a State Sabbath School Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church some time during the Conference year, and to make all necessary arrangements upon the part of this Conference to insure success.

Committee on Memoirs presented and read their report—in which we have a life sketch of two men of God, viz: Rev. David Fleming and Rev. Willis Ingle.

Dr. N. E. Cobleigh presented circular of the Central Tennessee College, located at Nashville.

Rev. Dr. Pearne presented several resolutions, which were adopted. (See table of resolutions.)

Rev. J. J. Manker, Statistical Secretary, presented his report which was amended for the general minutes, and ordered to be published.

Committee on Sunday Schools presented their report, which was read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to represent our interests in the Jonesboro' Female College, made the following report:

Resolved, That Rev. J. F. Spence, W. H. Rogers and L. F. Drake, be a Committee to take the necessary steps to procure the means to pay for Prof. Presnell's interest in the Jonesboro' Female College.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 7, P. M.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

After the reading of the journal, Rev. Daniel Richardson was ordained Deacon in the Church of God.

Mission Committee Report was read and approved.

Committee on Bible Cause made their report, which was adopted.

On motion, Rev. R. D. Black was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

Rev. Wm. H. Rogers was appointed Conference Missionary.

The Auditing Committee made their report which was adopted.

G. W. Coleman, Financial Committee for the East Tennessee Wesleyan University, presented a report, which was approved.

Board of Managers of the Conference Missionary Society made their report, and nominated officers for the ensuing year.

Report of Missionary Treasurer was read and adopted.

On motion, John F. Spence and J. W. Mann were appointed a Committee to superintend the publication of the minutes of the Conference.

Report of Board of Stewards was read and adopted.

The following distribution of the collection for Conference claimants was made: James Cumming, $41 00; Mrs. Mary Fleming, $30 00; W. H. Duggin, $40 00; John Ally, $10 00; T. P. Rutherford, $20 00; Mrs. Willis Ingle, $33 40.

The journal was read and approved.

It was moved that, after the reading of the appointments, the Conference adjourn.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

D. W. CLARK, *President.*

JNO. F. SPENCE, *Secretary.*

Standing Committees.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

First Year—J. N. S. Huffaker, G. W. Coleman, J. Fortner.

Second Year—N. E. Cobleigh, W. R. Long, R. O. Ayres.

Third Year—J. F. Spence, S. W. Hyden, R. D. Black.

Fourth Year—J. L. Mann, J. B. Little, A. J. Greer.

To examine candidates for admission on trial, and for Local Deacon's and Elder's Orders—The Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—F. M. Fanning. Alternate, George W. Coleman.

Committee on Public Worship—W. C. Daily, John W. Mann, and Dr. Cobleigh.

Committee on Church Extension—John F. Spence, P. H. Reed R. D. Black, G. W. Coleman and T. H. Russell.

Committee on Conference Stewards—J. L. Mann, M. H. Nichols, R. W. Patty, J. S. Petty, H. H. Burke, M. H. B. Burket, E. Still and D. B. Carter.

Committee on Education—Dr. N. E. Cobleigh, Wm. Milburn, L. F. Drake, W. C. Graves, J. N. S. Huffaker, J. Williams, W. H. Rogers and F. M. Fanning.

Committee on Sunday Schools—A. J. Greer, J. A. Ruble, S. W. Hyden, J. M. Durham and R. D. Black.

Committee on Statistics—J. J. Manker, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, Daniel Carter, W. R. Long, J. W. Peace, W. P. Jackson and H. J. Crumley.

Committee on Temperance—Geo. W. Coleman, T. S. Walker, and M. H. Nichols.

Committee on the State of the Country—Dr. Pearne, J. Albert Hyden, J. L. Mann, P. H. Reed and F. M. Fanning.

Committee on Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—R. D. Black.

Committee on the State of the Work—L. F. Drake, W. C. Graves, Lemuel Bogart, Dr. N. E. Cobleigh, W. C. Daily, W. H. Rogers and F. M. Fanning.

Committee on Bible Cause—W. H. Rogers, Daniel B. Carter and R. D. Black.

Committee on Freedman's Aid Society—J. B. Fitzgerald, Wm. Milburn, J. L. Cardwell, Samuel Greer, Elijah Still, P. L. Chambers and P. H. Reed.

Committee on Lay Delegation—J. Albert Hyden, J. L. Mann, A. B. Wright, John N. Stamper and John Mahoney.

Committee on Church Paper—J. F. Spence, W. H. Rogers, J. Albert Hyden, John Williams and L. F. Drake.

Committee on Pastoral Address—W. C. Graves, F. M. Fanning, R. W. Patty, W. H. Rogers and W. C. Daily.

Committee on Tract Cause—J. Williams, John Forrester, G. W. Coleman, John R. Hughes and T. S. Walker.

Committee on Memoirs—W. H. Rogers, J. Albert Hyden, W. C. Graves, Wm. Milburn and F. M. Fanning.

Committee on Finances—L. F. Drake, J. Albert Hyden, Col. T. R. Stanley, Henry Jory, Dr. Cobleigh and D. B. Carter.

Auditing Committee—J. N. Stamper, J. L. Mann, J. L. Cardwell, R. D. Black, P. H. Reed, W. P. Jackson, A. J. Greer and H. J. Crumley.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—J. W. Mann.

Vice President—D. B. Carter.

Secretary—J. S. Petty.

Treasurer—J. N. Baker.

Managers—J. L. Mann, A. J. Greer and Geo. W. Coleman.

Conference Resolutions.

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we pledge ourselves afresh, individually and collectively, to give our united influence to the work of building up, sustaining and amply endowing the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Resolved, That with great gratitude to Almighty God, we as a Conference of Christian ministers, hail with delight the establishment of *free schools* in our State, and regard it as the harbinger of good; for a more general diffusion of light and knowledge among the people, and as a valuable help to "prepare the way of the Lord" for a fuller understanding and a readdier appreciation of the word of God that bringeth salvation.

Resolved, That we will heartily co-operate in all suitable ways to encourage, establish and support *free* schools in every community where, in the providence of God, we are called to labor.

Resolved, That the Conference elect *one* member from each Presiding Elder's district to be added to the Conference Missionary Committee.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. N. E. Cobleigh be appointed by this body to preach, on the 2d evening of the next session of the Conference, a sermon on ministerial education.

Resolved, That this Conference hereby respectfully tender our most heartfelt gratitude to the citizens of Chattanooga for the generous Christian hospitality extended to us as ministers of Christ; and, also, to those churches

in this city which have extended courtesies to us during the present session. We will hold in grateful memory their considerate and abundant liberality, and will offer our fervent prayers that God may richly requite them on earth and in Heaven.

Resolved, That this Conference gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of half-fare rates extended to members, delegates and visitors to our present session, by the East Tennessee and Virginia, East Tennessee and Georgia, Knoxville and Kentucky, Knoxville and Charleston, Nashville and Chattanooga, Cincinnati and Cumberland Gap Railroads.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the minutes and in the public papers, and also be furnished to the pastors of churches in this city, to be read in the several congregations, which have extended courtesies and hospitalities to us.

Resolved, That the Conference return their most sincere thanks to our beloved Bishop Clark for the kind, able and satisfactory manner in which he has presided during the sitting of our conference.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be returned to Bro. J. W. Mann, for the prompt, active and satisfactory manner in which he has labored to provide homes fer, and make comfortable the members and visitors of our Conference.

Resolved, That John F. Spence, W. H. Rogers and L. F. Drake, be a Committee to take the necessary steps to procure the means to pay for Mr. Presnell's interest in the Jonesboro' Female College.

Reports of Committees.

CHATTANOOGA, October 14, 1868.

I hereby certify that the following reports were adopted by the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in 1868.

JNO. F. SPENCE,
Secretary of Holston Annual Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The importance of education to the success and happiness of the individual, to the progress and well being of society, to the strength and usefulness of the Church, has been so often and so well stated, is so generally admitted and so well understood, as not to need re-statement or repetition in this report.

The record of our Church for a hundred years past fully commits her ministers and laymen to this cause. Her liberal offerings and immense sacrifices to the necessities and interests of her literary institutions demonstrate her sincerity and earnestness in this work, while her wonderful and unparalleled success in this line of operation proves the wisdom that has hitherto guided her efforts. If the spirit that animated the fathers still lives in their sons, if the fallen mantels of the departed have been caught up and are worn by those now living and acting, none of our necessary institutions of learning will be long allowed to languish or suffer for lack of either sympathy or support. We have only to pray that the public spirit of our Church may not degenerate—that the Methodism of the future may be as wise, far-seeing, laborious and self-sacrificing, as the Methodism of the past—in order that our schools of learning may be amply endowed, patronized and sustained. In common with all others, the Holston Conference has its full share of responsibility in providing the means and facilities sufficient to meet the educational wants of the Church within its own boundaries. We fondly hope and trust that the eyes that look upon us from without will fail to discover in us any lack of labor or sacrifice to meet manfully our growing responsibilities.

EAST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We learn from the catalogue of our Institution at Athens that its name and title, during the last year, has been slightly changed by the State Legislature so that it is to be known hereafter as the East Tennessee Wesleyan University. The number of students in attendance last year was 120. All things considered it was a prosperous and successful year. Peace and harmony prevailed among the students, who were for the most part well behaved, studious and proficient. Revival influences were among the students and several were converted.

The present scholastic year commenced September 2d. About seventy are already in attendance; a large number of those present last year being detained for a month or two as teachers of free schools in their respective neighborhoods. Although the Institution has but just entered upon its second collegiate year, it has already organized the first three college classes —Freshman, Sophomore and Junior—and these classes are receiving regular instruction in all the branches of study usually pursued by similar classes in older colleges.

The Treasurers reports the finances of the Institution as follows:

Assets—Buildings and Eleven Acres of Land, . . .	$20,000 00
Library, (1,000 volumes,)	1,200 00
Organ for Chapel, ...	300 00
Apparatus and Furniture, ...	200 00
Total, ...	$21,700 00
Liabilities—Balance due on purchase of property, . .	$131 50
Balance due the Teachers, ...	678 65
Total, ...	$810 15

Your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolutions :

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we pledge ourselves afresh, individually and collectively, to give our united influence to the work of building up, sustaining and amply endowing the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Resolved, That we will promptly oppose and discourage any attempt to divide our interest by any movement whatever to establish another institution of like grade for males within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That the following persons nominated by the Board of Trustees of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University to fill vacancies in said Board —viz: Wm. M. Sehorn, G. W. Ross, James Turner, J. Albert Hyden, John F. Spence and Samuel Hutsell—be and hereby are elected as trustees of said Board for the next three years.

Resolved, That J. N. S. Huffaker, J. B. Little, J. L. Mann, Hon. T. H. Coldwell, Col. T. R. Stanley, W. C. Graves, L. F. Drake, Dr. J. M. Hammer, Hon. N. A. Patterson, John W. Ramsey, Esq., R. D. Black, H. O. Hoffman, H. Stevens, Col. N. B. Owens and G. W. Hartupee, be appointed a Board of Visitors to the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

JONESBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee have learned that the Jonesboro' Female College has passed into private hands; but have learned also that the present owner holds himself ready to transfer it to the Conference as soon as the Conference are prepared to reimburse him fer the amount he has expended in the payment of college debts and for repairs, amounting at present to a little over $2,000.

FREE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee is happy to report the successful inauguration of the system of free schools in this State. We look to that system with great expectation for the more general diffusion of the blessings of education. This opens, in every neighborhood, an interesting field of usefulnes for the ministry of every Evangelical church. By direct labor, by co-operation with others and by personal influence, our ministers can render valuable services to the cause of virtue and morality in assisting to lay broad and deep the foundation, and build wisely the superstructure of an institution which is destined to become a great power in society.

As the safety and perpetuity of our free civil institutions depend mainly upon the intelligence and virtue of the people, the preachers of righteousness do well for the cause of christian morality when they neglect no favorable opportunity, so far as other duties will allow, to aid and encourage, through free schools, the general diffusion of the blessings of knowledge among all the people. Therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*, That with great gratitude to Almighty God, we, as a Conference of Christian ministers, hail with delight the establishment of free schools in our State, and regard it as the harbinger of good; for a more general diffusion of light and knowledge among the people, and as a valuable help "to prepare the way of the Lord" for a fuller understanding and a readdier appreciation of the word of God that bringeth salvation.

Resolved, 2d, That we will heartily co-operate in all suitable ways in encouraging, establishing and supporting free schools in every community where, in the Providence of God, we are called to labor.

N. E. COBLEIGH, *Chairman.*

J. N. S. HUFFAKER, *Secretary.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee regret to learn from the statistics furnished that there has been a decrease in the number of Sunday School scholars, and also of officers and teachers. We are sure, however, that there is not that decrease which the reports indicate, several circuits not having been reported. Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we are deeply impressed with the necessity of earnest and systematic effort in the Sabbath School cause.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the indifference with which the interests of the Sabbath Schools have been treated during the past year, as indicated by the meagreness of the contributions for the Sunday School Union.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to greatly increase our contributions for the Sabbath School cause during the ensuing year, and will organize new Sabbath Schools wherever practicable.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to supply our Sunday Schools with books and periodicals from our own catalogue.

J. A. RUBLE, *Chairman Committee.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Church Extension Society, organized by authority of the General Conference, meets a most important demand in the Church. Before this Society was organized, the work of aiding the weak of the newer and feebler parts of the Country was very large. As each Church through its Pastor then sought relief for itself, it is impossible to estimate aecurately the aggregate amount thus expended, but it was unquestionably very much greater than at present. But the method, or rather want of method, by which the work was done, necessarily involved the loss of the proper service of the men thus engaged, very disagreeable work for them, great and continual annoyance of those to whom they applied, and the worst possible economy of time and means.

A better method of meeting the wants of the work as it then was, was imperatively demanded, and to meet this necessity the Church Extension Society was organized.

But subsequently the field has been greatly extended and the work enlarged. The population has pressed out upon the frontiers and up into the mountains with astonishing rapidity. Settlements, villages, towns, cities,

have sprung up as by magic. With the wilderness to be claimed, the resources of the country to be developed, residences, business houses, school houses, churches, all to be provided, it is no wonder that the few and feeble, but earnest Christians who are intent on claiming the country for Christ, and planting his kingdom firmly in every growing community, should call earnestly upon the older and wealthier parts of our common heritage for help in their great and vitally important work.

In addition to this greatly enlarged field, the whole South has been opened to us by the hand of God in the war. Multitudes of Methodists, true in their hearts to the old Church and the old Union from the beginning, are looking anxiously to us for a religious home, in which they can have, instead of proscription, Christian sympathy and fellowship. Four millions of freedmen, who have hitherto owned nothing,—not even themselves,—are struggling upward into freedom, intelligence and Christian civilazation. They have everything to do, and to procure in order to attain the end toward which they strive. Thousands alienated alike from God and country, have drifted away from all religious influences, and are in the ways of death.

A few heroic men, under immense disadvantages, and in the face of a most cruel opposition are doing nobly for our common cause. God has already given them the most extraordinary success, and they only need in addition to His blessing the united support of the Church, to make that success complete. Their great want, as all who have spoken assure us, is Churches in which to gather the people, and for aid to procure these they most earnestly appeal.

Every consideration of patriotism and religion should prompt us to respond to these appeals. In the light of past history no thoughtful mind will expect a truly united country with a divided Church. It was a division of the Church that led to the attempted division of the country, and sectionalism in the church cannot but promote sectionalism in the nation. So long as true unity must have its foundation—its home in the hearts of the people, so long should all who desire unity and peace set their faces firmly against sectional divisions in every form of organized society. Above all, let Christ's Church, animated by His spirit, discard all sectional lines, and go everywhere, and to all classes, with its proclamation of "Peace on earth; good will toward men," and bring all into the "unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." "The field is the world." "The world is our parish." This certainly includes the whole of our country. Let us occupy it, and bind it firmly together with the bonds of an old fashioned and homogeneous Methodism.

In almost every part of this vast field, especially in the West and South, *embracing more than half of our national domain,* the present is our golden opportunity. Society is in its formative state. All the agencies of evil are intensely active; those of the Church must be, or the results will be disastrous to the public virtue that affords the only security to our form of Chris-

tian civilization and civil government. Now a comparatively little will accomplish more than millions when society shall have crystalized into permanent forms.

We are deeply convinced that there never has been a time or a field in which liberal sowing would yield so rich a harvest; that there is not now an agency through which the Church can accomplish greater and more permanent good, than it can through the Church Extension Society. Therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*, That the Church Extension Society is entitled to, and shall receive our most cordial and earnest co-operation.

Resolved, 2*d*, That the following persons be appointed to constitute a Board of Church Extension for this Conference: Thomas H. Pearne, President; W. H. Rogers, Vice President; J. F. Spence, Corresponding Secretary; J. J. Manker, Recording Secretary; John W. Mann, Treasurer; T. R. Stanley, J. A. Hyden, J. L. Murphy, Managers.

Resolved, 3*d*, That the Presiding Elders be instructed to apportion the amount for which the General Committee may ask this Conference, among the several districts and pastoral charges for collection, and that each preacher in charge shall report at our next session, along with his missionary collection the amount asked and received for Church Extension.

Resolved, 4*th*, That we recommend that, so far as practicable, this collection be taken in the month of May.

JNO. F. SPENCE, *Chairman.*

BEQUESTS AND DEVISES TO CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Persons disposed to make bequests to the Society by will, are requested to observe the following form:

I give and bequeath to the "Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, the sum of and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

FORM OF A DEVISE OF LAND TO SAID SOCIETY.

I give and devise to "the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, the following land and premises, that is to say:
to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors and assigns forever.

Brethren in the ministry, and laity also, are requested to inquire promptly and carefully into the facts of any will which they may hear contains a bequest to the Church Extension Society, and send us as early as practicable a transcript of such will or whatever information they may obtain touching the same.

Subscripttons and donations for the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, may be sent to the Treasurer, at Philadelphia, or paid to the Presiding Elder of the district, or the Preacher. in the circuit or station to which the contributor belongs.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance desire to make the following report:

It must be admitted that the great curse of our country is intemperance. Carefully prepared statistics show that 60,000 lives are annually *destroyed*

in the United States by its ravages. 100,000 are yearly sent to prison in consequence of strong drink. 200,000 children are sent to the *poor-house;* 300 *murders* are committed; 400 *suicides;* 200,000 orphans aret hrown upon the cold charity of the world, and $200,000 are annually required to carry on this *fearful*, this *shocking* amount of crime in tne United States.

But to be more specific. Intemperance creates *disease* and causes premature *death*—intemperance destroys the *peace* and *security* of society—intemperance causes *heavy taxes*, and as a consequence *impoverishes* a country —intemperance produces *misery* and *wretchedness* wherever its accursed effects are felt—intemperance is the *parent of crime.* Judge Patterson, of England, once said, in addressing a grand jury: "If it were not for this *drinking* you and I would have nothing to do." Another eminent judge said: "There is scarcely *a crime* comes before me that is not, directly or indirectly, caused by strong drink." And last but not least of the terrible results of intemperance that we would call attention to, is that it sends *untold millions* of souls to a *drunkard's hell.*

Is it not time then that the Church was more fully awake to this important subject? Oh! when shall our country be redeemed from the terrible consequences of this growing evil? What country has not been invaded by this great national enemy? What community has not, as the results of this pestilential foe, been visited with *brawls*, *indecent exposures* and *shocking* scenes of barbarity? What Church has not suffered from inroads made by this enemy of all righteousness? What family circle has been too sacred for the encroachments of this heartless and relentless destroyer?

Shall we quietly submit to the fearful depredations of this fell monster? Individually we can do very little, but as a Conference *we can do much.* Let us lift our banners and in the strength of Divine Grace raise our voices against the multiplied thousands of distilleries and dram shops that are filling our land with the wail of the drunkard's widow and our prisons with the drunken culprit. Therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*, That as a Conference, in view of the terrible results of intemperance in our midst, we will use our best endeavors, by precept and example, by every means in our power, to stay its progress.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That we will give our influence to all temperance organizations that in our judgment will tend to carry forward this great work.

Resolved, 3*rd*, That we will never give up the struggle until intemperance shall be banished from our land, and morality, Christian love and friendship shall reign triumphant to the glory of the great Redeemer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,

G. W. COLEMAN, *Chairman.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause submit the following as their report, viz:

Fifty-two years ago the American Bible Society was organized. Since

then this noble institution has published nearly twenty-four million volumes of the word of life, in more than fifty different languages. In other Christian nations there are organized national Bible Societies which are sending out millions of copies of the word of God annually. At no time in the history of the Church of God have there been such demands for the Bible as now, both in our own and other lands. The Living God has now given an open door to the free circulation of the Bible in all the commercial centres of the earth. From all parts of our own glorious country loud and impressive calls for the Bible come up. In view of the foregoing facts, your Committee offer the following resolutions for your adoption, viz:

Resolved, 1*st*, That the American Bible Society now, as ever, has the entire confidence of this Conference, and that we will give increased attention to the Bible cause the ensuing year.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That we will at all times encourage the agents of this Society when they come into our different charges and *ask our aid*.

Resolved, 3*rd*, That we do now organize ourselves into a Bible Society to be known as the East Tennessee Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, and recommend the following brethren as its officers for the ensuing year: Dr. Cobleigh, President; J. A. Hyden, Vice President; J. W. Mann, Secretary; J. J. Manker, Treasurer; J. F. Spence, F. M. Fanning, W. C. Graves, Managers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. ROGERS, *Chairman*.

CHURCH PAPER.

WHEREAS, The recent General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session in the city of Chicago, in May, authorized the Western Book Agents to *establesh* and *publish* a weekly religious journal on the 1st of January next, either at Knoxville, Atlanta or Nashville, and the Bishops and Book Agents to appoint the Editor. Therefore,

Resolved, 1*st*. That we approve this design, and will render to such a paper our active and earnest support, whenever such paper may be established.

Resolved, 2*d*. That we deem the city of Knoxville the most central and most suitable place for the publication of said paper.

Resolved, 3*d*. That Rev. Thos. H. Pearne, D.D., from his past experience and success as a journalist, and from his extensive knowledge of the situation and interests of our work in the South, is, in our judgment, the most suitable person for Editor of said paper, and we therefore recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Bishops and Book Agents for that position.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. SPENCE, *Chairman*.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee on the State of the Country respectfully report:

We solemnly recognize the fact that we are ministers of the gospel—pastors of the flock of Christ. Yet our rights and responsibilities, as *citizens*, are not necessarily thereby abridged, much less destroyed. We are not the less citizens because ministers. We are not, indeed, called to bear office for honor or profit; for we already hold the highest, most honorable and profitable one which a human being can wield.

As citizens, we have a vital stake in the maintenance of order, liberty and righteousness. To preserve and establish these is at once our interest and our duty; for without them Christianity itself could not prosper. In aiding to promote these important ends, we must assert the unquestionable and untrammeled exercise of the ballot, for ministers not less than laymen.

The right of freedom of speech and of the press must be maintained. This is indispensable, in a government like ours, to preserve our liberties as a people, the purity of our laws, the virtue of our public officers, and the highest welfare of the State. Only interested partisans or unscrupulous demagogues, with base ends in view, will denounce the just exercise of this right of free speech by ministers, on any and all questions affecting the public weal.

We hold it a duty enforced alike by the Bible and our own articles of religion, to maintain and teach, both by example and precept, allegiance to the State and nation, to offer prayers for our rulers, to render them the respect and honor to which official authority entitles them by the will of God.

We also regard it the duty of ministers, citizens of the State or of the Republic, to expose and oppose with the light and force of truth—not as partisans, but as patriots—whatever in our laws and institutions is unrighteous, and therefore injurious.

Caste legislation, founded upon distinctions of race or color, is unjust in principle and dangerous in tendency. Persistence in it must work disturbance of civil order and must seriously interrupt the progress of a pure Christianity.

We note, with painful regret, the distraction, violence, bloodshed and recklessness of life, so fearfully prevalent in many parts of this and neighboring States. Sad, indeed, is it, to reflect upon oft-repeated instances of murder among us, causing terrorism and anxiety in the public mind. In many cases—perhaps in most—these criminal deeds result from a wicked disregard of the sacred obligations of law and justice, and from the presence and power of a blinding spirit of sectional prejudice and hatred. To the extent that they pass unrebuked and unpunished, they destroy the peace as they endanger the stability of the State.

These facts should summon us as ministers to instruct, with meekness,

those who oppose themselves, to inculcate from the pulpit the moral obligation resting upon all to obey the laws, to thus "put them in mind to be subject to principalities and to obey magistrates," to teach them that "they who resist the power, resist the ordinance of God, and shall receive unto themselves damnation."

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Christianity is the surest safeguard and support of all good government, and therefore we are doubly interested, both as ministers and citizens, in fulfilling our high commission, and so subserving the welfare of the State.

2. *Resolved*, That our duties to the State, as citizens, cannot consistently be neglected.

3. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor, by prayers and good examples, and in the spirit of Christian charity, to promote, in the State, that "righteousness" which "exalteth a nation."

4. *Resolved*, That the present distracted and unhappy condition of the States lately in rebellion, is injurious to religion and to every valuable public interest, and should elicit the prayers and efforts of all Christians for its improvement.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, *Chairman of Committee.*

"LAY DELEGATION."

WHEREAS, The late General Conference, by a vote nearly unanimous, recommended to the "godly consideration of our ministers and people," a plan for lay representation in the General Conference, and made provision for the submission of that plan to a vote of the members of the Church over twenty-one years of age, in the month of June next; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we recommend the plan to the favorable consideration of our people, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power in accordance with the details of the plan. to secure a full and impartial vote of the membership of the Church.

Resolved, 2. That the Presiding Elders are expected to see that each Quarterly Conference in their respective districts appoint two laymen to co-operate with the preacher in charge in giving due notice of the election, and superintending its details.

J. ALBERT HYDEN *Chairman.*

Memoirs.

Rev. DAVID FLEMING was born in Carlisle county, Pennsylvania, May 4th, 1779. When six months old his parents removed from Pennsylvania to Wythe county, Virginia. He was converted October 30th, 1820, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church; was licensed to preach September

20th, 1823, at Nelson's Camp Ground, Washington county, Tennessee, and sent to the New River Circuit in Virginia.

In the Fall of 1824, at the organization of the Holston Conference, young FLEMING was admitted on trial and sent to the Jonesboro' Circuit. For a period of forty-five years Brother FLEMING was in the traveling connexion, eighteen years of this time on circuits and in stations, and twenty years on districts, and for the last seven years of his life was on the list of superanuates.

December 10th, 1829, Brother FLEMING was married to Miss Mary Miller, of Hawkins county, Tennessee, a noble woman, a true Christian and one every way qualified to be the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher.

Without any disparagement to others, it may be said of DAVID FLEMING that he was one of the most laborious men that ever belonged to the Holston Conference. The life of Brother FLEMING has now passed into history, and we give the following as the most important points in the life of this great and good man. His uniform piety made good impressions in all the social and Christian circles where he moved and commanded for him universal respect. Through life, both in principle and practice, he was opposed to the great evil of African slavery; and when the Methodist Episcopal Church divided upon this great question in 1844, Brother FLEMING gave his consent to the separation, as one of the evils which he could not control; and when the great struggle came for our nationality DAVID FLEMING did not hesitate but declared himself in favor of the Government and free institutions, and on the first opportunity united his fortunes again with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Perhaps no one rejoiced more than Brother FLEMING to get back again to the Church of his first love.

Brother FLEMING was a solid man and a useful preacher. In the circulation of our books and periodicals he stood in the front rank. To the young preachers he was always kind, and to the children affectionate. For seven years he was a great sufferer, his memory almost entirely failing him, and at times, so much so that he did not even recognize his own family. In the last intelligent conversation which he ever had he remarked, in answer to a question from a brother in the ministy, to-wit: "Do you feel that God is with you in your affliction?" "Oh yes! oh yes! all the time."

On August 28th, 1868, this faithful man of God exchanged the toils and tented fields of earth for the rest and palaces of Heaven.

W. H. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

Chattanooga, October 10, 1868.

Rev. WILLIS INGLE was born in the State of Virginia, as near as we can learn, about the year 1798. In early life he was converted to God, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church; was licensed to preach when comparatively a young man, and for nearly forty years was engaged in preaching the gospel of Christ. For the first several years he served the Church as a local preacher with great acceptability and usefulness. About 1838 or

40 he joined the Holston Annual Conference, and continued in the traveling connexion until the day of his death, which occurred October 29, 1867.

Brother INGLE was an excellent preacher and faithful in the performance of all the duties of his high and holy calling. He was one of our best revival preachers, and large numbers were converted under his ministry. It is due to the memory of our departed brother to say that through life he was opposed to African slavery, and was always devoted to the doctrines and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as given to us by the fathers of American Methodism.

At the outbreak of the rebellion Brother INGLE was living in Virginia. He was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the faithful among the many faithless to the cause of our Government.

At the reorganization of our Conference here, Brother INGLE was one of the first to unite with us, and remained with us doing efficient service until the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher."

WM. H. RODGERS,
Chairman Committee on Memoirs.

Sabbath Schools.---Statistical Report.

Circuits and Stations.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Collections for S. S. Union.
Abingdon District.					
Abingdon Circuit	4	25	1,150		
Estelville "					
Lebanon "	1	10	65	80	
Pattonville "					
Jeffersonville Circuit,					
	5	35	1,215	80	
Asheville District.					
Asheville Circuit,	6	24	125	350	
Burnsville Circuit,	4	31	130	200	
Hendersonville, Circuit,					
Catawba, "	2			138	
Jackson and Macon Circuit,	3	7	35		
Murphy and Fort Emory Circuit,	4	16	175		
Sulphur Springs "					
Webster and Franklin "	3	7	35		
	22	84	500	680	
Athens District.					
Athens,	1	21	97	268	$6 00
Athens Circuit,	6	35	275	300	
Decatur "	4	25	235	580	
Kingston "	6	40	500	480	
Madisonville Circuit,	3	34	150	150	
Maryville "	11	100	500	1,000	
Philadelphia "	13	40	650		
	44	285	2,407	2,776	$6 00
Chattanooga District.					
Chattanooga,	1	12	120	300	
Charleston Circuit,	2	10	75	100	
Cleveland,	1	19	160	375	
Cleveland and Benton Circuit,	12	87	566	750	
Mine City "	3		350		
Harrison "	2	24	170	280	
	21	158	1,441	1,305	
Cumberland District.					
Crossville Circuit,	1	8	40	200	
Hamilton "					
Huntsville "	3	23	230	285	
Jacksboro' "	11	66	485	726	
Jasper "					
Montgomery "	5	44	250	70	
Pikeville "	6	26	237	380	
Jamestown "	5	30	98		
	31	197	1,340	1,651	
Jonesboro' District.					
Elizabethton,	1	13	100		
Elizabethton Circuit,	2	10	90		
Fall Branch "	11	86	532	1,056	$2 70
Greeneville	1	14	59	200	
Greeneville Circuit,	9	35	500	754	
Jonesboro',	1	10	110	350	1 00
Jonesboro' Circuit,	2	12	85	125	
Rheatown "	11	120	743	1,104	
Taylorsville "	3	29	140	200	1 00
St. Clair "	10	80	500	1,250	
	51	409	2,869	5,019	

Districts, Circuits and Stations.	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars.	No. Volumes in Library.	Collections for S. S. Union.
Knoxville District.					
Anderson Circuit,	3	25	160	250	
Clinton "	4	38	210	400	
Dandridge and New Market Circuit,	5	53	255	550	
Knoxville,	1	18	188	260	
East Knoxville.	2	30	255	300	
Knoxville Circuit,	6	30	300	300	
Maynardsville Circuit,	7	45	595	625	$3 35
Little River "	6	36	240	600	
Sevierville "	12	84	570	1,250	
Strawberry Plains Circuit,	4	65	225	555	
	48	414	2,343	4,785	$3 35
Morristown District.					
Carter's Valley Circuit,					
Kingsport "	9	83	300	500	
Morristown "	2	27	150	580	
Mossy Creek "	1				
Newport "	4	20	413	107	
Powell's Valley "					
Rogersville "	3	18	150	300	
Rutledge "	2	8	50	150	
Sneedville "	1	12	50	100	
Tazewell "	5	38	233	232	
	26	206	1,346	1,769	
Morristown District.					
Holston,					
Claibonrne,					
Russellville,					
Warrensburgh,					
Chattanooga District.					
Chattanooga,	1	6	45		
Harrison Circuit,	5	22	269		
	6	28	314		
Cumberland District.					
Sequatchie Circuit,	1	3	18		
Jamestown Circuit,					
	1	3	332		
Total,	255	1,813	13,885	18,565	$14 05

J. A. RUBLE, *Chairman of Committee.*

Steward's Report.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES.			CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
		CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENT.	
ABINGDON DISTRICT.	*Wm. Milburn, P. E.*		$352 50		
Abingdon,	H. J. Crumley,	$500 00	217 80	$282 20	$2 50
Blountville and Bristol,	Dutton Hood,	150 00	75 00	75 00	
Lebanon,	Daniel Richardson,	350 00	125 00	225 00	1 95
Estellville,	Sampson Richardson,	300 00	127 00	173 00	
Pattonville,	Jas. N. Adams,	300 00	154 52	145 48	
Gladeville,	No Report.				
Jeffersonville,	Isaac Todd,	150 00	140 00	10 00	
Princeton,	No Report.				
JONESBORO' DISTRICT.	*L. F. Drake, P. E.,*	1,500 00	1,050 00	450 00	
Jonesboro',	James A. Ruble,	600 00	560 00	40 90	1 00
Jonesboro' Circuit,	Thomas S. Walker,	600 00	315 00	285 00	1 00
Rheatown "	D. B. Carter,	500 00	400 00	100 00	5 60
Greeneville,	J. L. Mann,	550 00	550 00		
Greeneville Circuit,	Joseph Milburn,	475 00	311 00	164 00	
Fall Branch "	Jonathan N. Baker,	400 00	230 60	169 40	5 00
St. Clair,	Isaac Fortner,	350 00	280 00	70 00	
Elizabethton,	M. H. Nichols,	150 00	150 00		
Elizabethton Circuit,	Wesley Harkins,	300 00	105 50	194 50	
Taylorsville "	G. C. Andrews,	No Report			5 25
Watauga,	Not Supplied.				
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.	*W. C. Graves, P. E.*	750 00	750 00		
Morristown,	R. W. Patty,	600 00	558 77	41 23	1 75
Mossy Creek,	A. G. Watkins,	300 00	259 81	40 19	
Newport,	J. L.Cardwell,	500 00	308 23	191 77	
Rogersville,	Wm. Kinsland,	300 00	200 00	100 00	
Kingsport,	J. P. Milburn,	500 00	131 68	368 32	
Sneedville,	Thos. K. Clark.	150 00	115 00	35 00	
Powell's Valley and Tazewell,	W. Crutchfield, No Report.	225 00	129 50	95 50	2 00
Rutledge and Thorn Hill,	J. W. Mitchell, abd	500 00	107 00	93 00	
Rutledge and Thorn Hill,	Thos. R. West,				
Holston,	Charles K. Mayer,	200 00	175 00	25 00	
Warrensburg,	Isaac Wofford,	125 00	125 00		
Claibourne,	Lewis Niel and N. S. Armstrong,	100 00	100 00		
Russellville,	Philip & Jacob Roberts,	150 00	150 00		
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.	*Thos. H. Pearne, P. E.,*	2,000 00	1,730 00	270 00	
Knoxville,	J. S. Petty,	1,500 00	150 00		24 25
East Knoxville,	J. Warthman,	700 00	300 00	400 00	
Knoxville Circuit,	T. H. Russell,	600 00	380 00	220 00	
Clinton "	John R. Hughes,	440 00	223 60	116 40	
Little River "	Daniel Carter,	400 00	330 00	70 00	24 00
Sevierville "	S. Bogart,	300 00	177 79	122 21	17 00
Dandridge & N. Market,	A. J. Greer,	600 00	487 77	112 33	2 50
Strawberry Plains,	Henry Pyle,	350 00	120 00	280 00	
Maynardville,	John Mahoney,	500 00	391 00	109 00	4 25
Anderson,		225 00	111 00	114 00	
ATHENS DISTRICT.	*J. Albert Hyden, P. E.,*	875 00	875 00		
Athens,	John J. Manker,	900 00	617 36	282 64	20 00
Athens Circuit,	George W. Coleman,	800 00	525 00	275 00	9 00
Decatur,	W. E. Long,	350 00	120 87	229 13	
Philadelphia,	John N. Moore,	120 00	615 00	585 00	
Philadelphia,	Hilton H. Burke,				
Kingston,	Samuel Greer,	500 00	245 00	255 00	
Madisonville and Tellico,	John N. Stamper,	500 00	200 50	299 50	3 00
Maryville,	S. W. Hyden,	1,000 00	505 00	495 00	3 25

CHARGES.	PREACHERS' NAMES.	SALARIES.			CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.
		CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIENT	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.	*W. C. Daily, P. E.*,	$1,000 00	$940 20	$59 80	
Chattanoog,	John W. Mann,	950 00	900 00	50 00	
Chattanooga, 2d Charge,	H. Houston,	300 00	160 00	140 00	
Harrison,	Isaac N. Knox,	300 00	80 00	220 00	$5 00
Harrison, 2d Charge,	Armstead Lewis,	180 00	113 00	67 00	
Charleston,	Samuel W. Lee,	No Report			8 50
Cleveland,	R. D. Black,	550 00	385 00	165 00	3 00
Cleveland & Benton Ct.,	P. L. Chambers,	175 00	142 00	35 00	1 00
Mine City,	Thomas A. Cass,	No Report			
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.	*W H. Rogers, P. E.*,	1,000 00	825 00	175 00	
Jacksboro',	R. O. Ayers,	600 00	347 00	253 00	10 00
Huntsville,	James Durham,	350 00	155 00	195 00	
Jamestown Circuit,	A. B. Waight,	400 00	207 35	192 65	
Montgomery,	John Forrester,	550 00	225 23	324 77	13 70
Cumberland.		200 00	100 00	100 00	
Jasper and Altamont,	E. Still,	250 00	165 22	84 78	
Hamilton,	P. H. Reed,	300 00	173 00	127 00	
Pikeville,	Joseph W. Peace,	450 00	332 29	217 71	
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.	*F. M. Fanning, P. E.*,	1,000 00	750 00	250 00	
Asheville,	Thomas W. Atkin,	No Report			
Burnsville,	No Report.				
Catawbr,	T. J. Dawson,	250 00	214 75	135 25	
Hendersonville,	Wm. P. Jackson,	350 00	250 00	100 00	
Transylvania,	A. F. English,	200 00	175 00	25 00	
Sulphur Springs,	John F. Woodfin,	500 00	300 00	200 00	
Waynesville,	B. F. Wells,	No Report			
Webster,	John G. Trull,	500 00	281 00	219 00	
Fort Emory and Murphy Circuit,	John A. Matheson,	250 00	183 00	67 00	
					174 40

Conference Collections were distributed as follows: James Cummings, $41 00; Mary Fleming, $30 00; W. H. H. Duggan, $40 00; John Ally, $10 00; T. P. Rutherford, $20 00; Mrs. Willis Ingle, $33 40.

Respectfully submitted,

JONATHAN L. MANN, *Chairman.*

Missionary Report.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Knoxville Station,	Rev.	J. S. Petty,	$130 20
East Knoxville Station,	"	J. F. Spence,	17 50
Knoxville Circuit,	"	T. H. Russell,	14 90
Clinton Circuit	"	J. R. Hughes,	15 00
Little River Circuit,	"	Daniel Carter,	31 95
Sevierville Circuit,	"	Lemuel Bogart,	7 50
Dandridge Circuit,	"	A. J. Greer,	8 00
Strawberry Plains Circuit,	"	Henry Pile,	1 50
Maynardville Circuit,	"	John Mahoney,	50 50
		Total,	$277 05

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Athens Station,	Rev.	J. J. Manker,	$125 00
Athens Circuit,	"	G. W. Coleman,	40 00
Philadelphia Circuit,	"	J. N. Moore,	7 00
Kingston Circuit	"	Samuel Greer,	20 00
Maryville Circuit,	"	S. W. Hyden,	68 75
		Total,	$260 75

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Cleveland Station,	Rev.	R. D. Black,	$20 00
Chattanooga, 2nd Charge,	"	H. Houston,	5 00
Harrison Circuit,	"	J. N. Knox,	12 00
Charleston Circuit,	"	S. W. Lee,	5 25
Mine City,	"	T. A. Cass,	7 00
Harrison, 2nd Charge,	"	A. Lewis,	2 15
Cleveland and Benton,	"	P. L. Chambers,	2 50
		Total,	$53 95

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

Jacksboro' Circuit,	Rev.	R. O. Ayers,	$28 00
Jamestown Circuit	"	A. B. Wright,	17 35
Montgomery Circuit,	"	John Forrester,	25 50
Jasper Circuit,	"	E. Still,	3 00
Hamilton Circuit,	"	P. H. Reed,	6 00
Pikeville Circuit,	"	J. W. Peace,	1 50
		Total,	$81 35

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

Asheville Circuit,	Rev.	T. W. Atkins,	$5 00
Catawba Circuit,	"	T. J. Dawson,	1 00
Henderson Circuit,	"	Wm. P. Jackson,	10 00
Webster and Franklin Circuit,	"	John G. Trull,	5 00
Fort Emory and Murphy,	"	J. A. Matheson,	7 55
Sulphur Springs,	"	S. F. Woodfin,	12 00
		Total,	$40 55

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

Abingdon Circuit,	Rev.	H. J. Crumley,	$1 50
Lebanon Circuit,	"	Daniel Richardson,	1 80
		Total,	$3 30

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Jonesborough Station,	Rev.	J. A. Buble,	$68 85
Jonesborough Circuit,	"	T. S. Walker,	25 00
Rheatown Circuit,	"	D. B. Carter,	5 00
Greeneville Station,	"	J. L. Mann,	5 00
Fall Branch Circuit,	"	J. N. Baker,	20 00
Elizabethton Station,	"	M. H. Nichols,	5 75
Taylorsville Circuit,	"	G. C. Andrews,	5 35
		Total,	$134 95

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

Morristown Circuit,	Rev.	R. W. Patty,	$5 40
Mossy Creek Circuit,	"	A. G. Watkins,	3 90
Kingsport Circuit,	"	J. P. Milburn,	50
Powell's Valley Circuit,	"	Wm. Crutchfield,	1 00
Tazewell Circuit,	"	W. C. Graves,	2 80
Holston Circuit,	"	C. K. Mayes,	11 30
Russellville Circuit,	"	Phillips Roberts,	10 50
		Total,	$34 50

RECAPITULATION.

Abingdon District,	$3 30
Jonesborough District,	134 95
Morristown District,	34 50
Knoxville District,	277 05
Athens District,	260 75
Chattanooga District,	53 95
Cumberland District,	81 35
Asheville District,	40 55
Total,	$886 40
Collection at Missionary Anniversary,	44 30
Grand Total,	$930 70

J. B. LITTLE, *Treasurer.*

$40 00 to make Bishop Clark, Dr. Walden, Dr. Cobleigh and Rev. J. Albert Hyden life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

STATISTICS OF HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1868.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					CONTRIBUTIONS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library
ABINGDON DISTRICT.																			
Abingdon Circuit,	278	4	235	2	20	15	3	$1,200			$2 50	$2 50				4	25	1,150	
Estelville "	119		22		1	19													
Lebanon "	400	1	28	7		30	1	200			1 80	1 80				1	10	65	80
Pattonville "	263	1	80	3	15	18	1	150											
Jeffersonville Circuit,	49		23																
Total,	1,109	6	388	12	36	82	5	$1,c50			$4 30	$4 30				5	35	1,215	80
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.																			
Asheville Circuit,	268	2		2								$5 00				6	24	125	350
Burnsville "	216	4	52	1	7	12										4	30	130	200
Hendersonville Circuit,	278	1	20		2	3						10 00							
Catawba "	483	4	57	2	43	8	2	$200				5 00				2			138
Jackson and Macon Circuit,	90		10		2	2						5 00				3	7	35	
Murphy and Fort Emory,	215	1	59	6	13	11	1	100				7 55				4	16	175	
Sulphur Springs.	225		31																
Webster and Franklin,	91		10									5 00				3	7	35	
Total,	1,866	12	239	11	67	36	3	$300				$37 55				22	84	500	680
ATHENS DISTRICT.																			
Athens,	57		13	2			1	3,000			$20 00	$125 00	$3 00	$6 00	$6 00	1	21	97	266
Athens Circuit,	370	4	113	2	20	30	7	5,450			8 45	40 00				6	35	275	300
Decatur "	250	1	31	3	20	38	6	1,410								4	25	235	580
Kingston "	387	1	49	5	18	21	5	4,100				20 00				6	40	500	480
Madisonville Circuit,	370	5	25	2	24	36	6	2,000				3 00				3	24	150	150
Maryville "	540	3	100	3	42	21	9	8,000			3 35	70 00				11	100	500	1,000
Philadelphia "	525	5	238		79	27	7	3,0[illegible]								13	40	650	
Total,	2,499	20	569	17	203	173	41	27,769			$31 80	$258 00	$3 00	$6 00	$6 00	44	285	2,407	2,776

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.																		
Chattanooga,	50					1	1	$2,000							1	12	120	300
Charleston Circuit,	205		63				4	1,000			$8 50	$5 25			2	10	75	100
Cleveland,	87	2	2	4							3 00	20 00		$2 00	1	17	160	375
Cleveland and Benton Circuit,	667	4	108	6	32	6	11	1,300			1 00	2 50			12	87	566	750
Mine City,	93		20	3	1	8									3		350	
Harrison Circuit,	226	3	84	1	4	5	2	300			5 00	12 00			2	24	170	280
Total,	1,328	9	277	14	37	20	18	$4,600			$17 50	$39 75		$2 00	21	152	1,441	1,805
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.																		
Crossville Circuit,	61														1	8	40	200
Hamilton "	471	3	10	3	20	5	4	$1,000				$6 00						
Huntsville "	140	3	85		40	8	1	500				3 00			3	23	230	285
Jacksboro' "	405	1	225	3	36	7	9	3,600	1	$600	$10 00				11	66	485	726
Jasper "	386	5	59	3	18	20						3 00						
Montgomery Circuit,	262	3	71	6	2	15	2	600			15 70	25 50			5	44	250	70
Pikeville "	226		27	5								1 50			6	26	237	370
Jamestown "	490		118	2											5	30	98	
Total,	2,441	15	595	22	116	55	16	$5,700	1	$600	$28 70	$39 00			31	197	1,340	1,651
JONESBORO' DISTRICT.																		
Elizabethton,	52	3	12	2			1	$3,000							1	13	100	
Elizabethton Circuit,	272	5	55	3		6	2								2	10	90	
Fall Branch "	481	6	228	6	29	4	7	3,600			$5 00	$20 00		$2 75	11	86	532	1,056
Greeneville,	81		3				1	3,500	1	$3,000		5 00			1	14	69	200
Gresneville Circuit,	505	4	19	3	25	18	7	5,100	1	500					9	35	500	754
Jonesboro',	37		3				1	7,500		1,000	1 00	68 85		1 00	1	10	110	350
Jonesboro' Circuit,	276		14	4	23	3	6	2,000	1		1 00	25 00			2	12	85	115
Rheatown "	569		39	6			8	4,000	1	1,600	5 60	5 10			11	120	748	1,104
Taylorsville "	608		224	5	4		8	3,000	1	400	5 30	5 30		1 00	3	29	140	200
St. Clair "	555		150	2											10	80	500	1,250
Total,	3,436	18	747	31	81	31	39	$30,200		$4,000	$17 90	$129 25		$5 75	61	409	2,869	5,019
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Anderson Circuit,	100	1	85	1	25	18	1	$500							3	25	160	250
Clinton "	293	2	47		4	22	5	2,500				$15 00			4	58	210	400
Dandridge and New Market Circuit	315	8	145	7	20	15	6	2,900	1	$400	$2 30	8 00			5	53	255	550
Knoxville,	83	2	42	1		3	2	20,000			24 25	130 20			1	18	188	260
East Knoxville,	60		20									17 50			2	30	255	300
Knoxville Circuit,	496		96	2	12	18	9	3,800				14 90			6	30	300	300
Maynardville Circuit,	451	5	334	4	25	72	7	3,150	1	1,000	4 00	50 50		$3 35	7	45	295	625
Little River "	800	4	40	4	8	15	11	14,000			24 00	31 85			6	36	240	600
Sevierville "	789	2	77		19	36	12	8,000			17 00	7 50			12	84	570	1,250
Strawberry Plains Circuit,	426	2	134	6	33	14	4	3,000	1	250		1 25			4	65	225	550
Total,	3,813	26	1,020	25	146	213	57	$57,850	3	$1,650	$71 55	$276 20		$3 35	50	444	2,698	5,085

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	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	For Conference Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.																			
Carters Valley Circuit,	119		30	2															
Kingsport "	358	5	110	1	55	11	3	$1,000				$ 50				9	83	3 0	500
Morristown "	299		37	2	6	6					$1 75	5 40				2	27	150	380
Mossy Creek "	325		40	1			1	500											
Newport "	490	5	223	8	24	10	7	2,500								4	20	413	107
Powell's Valley "	184		113	5	7	9													
Rogersville "	220		15				3	3 500								3	18	150	300
Rutledge "	387		67	4			6	2,000								2	8	50	150
Sneedville "	135		71	7			4	800								1	12	50	100
Tazewell "	504		78	9	7	18					2 00	2 80				5	38	238	232
Total,	5,021	10	784	39	101	54	24	10,300			2 75	8 70				26	206	1,346	1,769
Total White,	19,513	116	4,619	674	787	674	203	$138,260			$172 50	$793 25				250	812	13,816	18,865
COLORED.																			
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.																			
Holston Circuit,	91	2	26	1								11 30							
Claibourne Circuit,	39		11	2								10 50							
Russellville "	143		68	3								10 50							
Warrensburg "	353		72	3	17											1	6	45	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.							1									5	22	269	
Chattanooga,	150		25	3				1,000											
Harrison Circuit,	344		117				2	600											
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.																			
Sequatchie Circuit,	148			1	100	100	1	100											
Jamestown "	9		2													1	3	18	
Total Colored,	1,277	2	321	18	117	117	4	1,700				32 30				7	31	324	
Aggregate,	20,790	118	4,940	184	904	904	207	$139,960	9	$6,250	$172 50	$825 55	$3 00	$8 00	$14 10	257	1,843	14,140	18,865

J. J. MANKER, Chairman Committee.

Conference Appointments.

The following are the appointments of the Preachers of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, P. E.; Knoxville, John W. Mann; Knoxville, 2nd charge, John C. Tate; East and North Knoxville, J. P. Milburn; Knox, Thomas J. Russell; Jacksboro', Robert O. Ayres; Clinton, P. H. Reed, Maynardville, George W. Coleman; Little River, W. P. Jackson; Sevierville, James D. Lawson; Dandridge and New Market, Albert G. Watkins; Strawberry Plains, Daniel Carter; Anderson, Reuben Wallace. W. H. Rogers, Conference Missionary Society and member of Dandridge and New Market Quarterly Conference.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

W. C. GRAVES. P. E.; Morristown, R. W. Patty, T. R. Clark; Mossy Creek, A. J. Greer; Parrottsville, Thomas R. West; Newport, James M. Mitchell; Rogersville, William Kinsland; Sneedville, to be supplied by Elbert B. Clark; Tazewell and Powell's Valley, James H. McGriff; Speedwell, J. B. Little; Rutledge, J. L. Cardwell; Holston, Charles K. Mayes; Claiborne, to be supplied by Philip Roberts; Jefferson, Jeremiah Gudger; Clifton, Thomas De Witt; Warrensburg, to be supplied by Isaac Wofford and Joseph Kelly;—Hawkins, S. Patterson.

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

L. F. DRAKE, P. E.; Jonesboro', John S. Petty; Jonesboro' Circuit, Thomas S. Walker; Blountville and Bristol, to be supplied; Taylorsville, John Mahoney; Elizabethton, B. F. Wells; Fall Branch, J. N. Baker; Kingsport, D. B. Carter; Rheatown, John R. Hughes; Greeneville, J. N. S. Huffaker; Greeneville Circuit, Joseph Milburn, J. B. Fitzgerald; St. Clair, Isaac Fortner; Carter's Valley, to be supplied by G. W. Carden. A. R. Bennick, Principal Franklin Institute and member of Rheatown Quarterly Conference.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

F. M. FANNING, P. E.; Asheville, Thomas W. Atkin; Asheville Circuit, Lemuel Bogart; Burnsville, Wesley Harkins; Catawba, to be supplied; Henderson, John F. Woodfin; Transylvania, to be supplied; Sulphur Springs, John G. Trull; Waynesville, M. H. Nichols; Webster and Franklin, Isaac N. Knox; Fort Emory and Murphy, to be supplied by John A. Matthewson.

ATHENS DISTICT.

J. A. HYDEN, P. E.; Athens, J. J. Manker; Athens Circuit, John N. Moore; Decatur, John W. Dodson; Philadelphia, John N. Stamper, Rufus M. Witt; Loudon, H. H. Burke; Kingston, Spencer Henry, James M. Durham; Madisonville, William R. Long; Tellico, Thomas A. Cass; Maryville and Louisville, Samuel W. Hyden, John H. Jennings; Hiwassee, to be supplied by Joshua Colwell; Huntsville, Henry Pyle; Jamestown, A. B. Wright; Montgomery, John Forrester; Crossville, to be supplied by J. Gillet. Nelson E. Cobleigh, President of East Tennessee Wesleyan University and member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

W. C. Daily, P. E.; Chattanooga, 1st charge, Jonathan L. Mann; Chattanooga, 2nd charge, Harrison Huston; Harrison, 1st charge, E. Still; Harrison, 2nd charge, to be supplied by Armstead Lewis; Charleston, Philip L. Chambers; Cleveland, James A. Ruble; Benton, to be supplied; Ducktown, Thomas W. Brown; Hamilton, J. W. Peace; Pikeville, Samuel Greer; Spencer, to be supplied; Jasper, George Julian; Tracy City, to be supplied by Samuel D. Tade; Sequatchie, to be supplied by J. Bluford.

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

Wm. Milburn, P. E.; Washington, H. J. Crumley; Russell, Daniel Richardson; Lee, Jas. M. Adams; Scott, Sampson Richardson; Wise, to be supplied; Buchanan, to be supplied; Tazewell, B. B. Redwine; Smythe, to be supplied.

ADDENDA.

The following are the appointments of the Preachers of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: 1867

ABINGDON DISTRICT.

W. Ingle, P. E.; Abingdon, Harmon J. Crumley; Blountville, Bristol, Lebanon, Estellville, Pattonsville, Gladeville, Jeffersonville and Princeton, to be supplied.

JONESBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Lemuel F Drake, P. E.; Jonesborough, James A. Ruble; Jonesborough Circuit, Thomas S. Walker; Rheatown, D. B. Carter; Greeneville, J. L. Mann; Greeneville Circuit, Joseph Milburn, J. B. Fitzgerald; Fall Branch, Jonathan N. Baker; St. Clair, Isaac Fortner; Elizabethton, G. C. Andrews; Elizabethton Circuit, to be supplied; Taylorsville, William Milburn; Watauga, to be supplied; Franklin Institute, A. R. Bennick, and members of Rheatown Quarterly Conference.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

W. C. Graves, P. E.; Morristown, R. W. Patty; Mossy Creek, Albert G. Watkins; Newport, J. L. Cardwell; Rogersville, William Kinsland; Kingsport, J. P. Milburn; Sneedville, Thomas K. Clark; Powell's Valley and Tazewell to be supplied; Rutledge and Thorn Hill, J. W. Mitchell and Thos. R. West; Holston, Charles K. Mayes; Warrensburg, Claiborne and Russelville, to be supplied.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Thomas H. Pearne, P. E.; Knoxville, John S. Petty; East Knoxville, John Warthman; Knox, Thomas H. Russell; Clinton, John R Hughes; Little River, Daniel Carter; Sevierville, Samuel Bogart; Dandridge and New Market, A. S. Greer; Strawberry Plains, Henry Pyle; Maynardville, John Mahoney; Anderson, to be supplied; French Broad Academy, J. N. S. Huffaker, and member of Strawberry Quarterly Conference.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

J. Albert Hyden, P. E.; Athens, John J. Manker; Athens Circuit, George W. Coleman; Decatur, W. R. Long; Philadelphia, John N. Moore, Hilton H. Burke; Kingston, Samuel Greer; Madisonville and Tellico, John N. Stamper—one to be supplied; Maryville and Louisville, Samuel W. Hyden; East Tennessee Wesleyan College, N. E. Cobleigh, and member of Athens Quarterly Conference.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

W. C. Dailey, P. E.; Chattanooga, John W. Mann; Chattanooga, 2nd charge, to be supplied; Harrison, Isaac N. Knox; Harrison, 2nd charge, to be supplied; Charleston, Samuel W. Lee; Cleveland, Rufus D. Black; Cleveland and Benton, Philip L. Chambers; Mine City, Thomas A. Cass; Chatata Seminary, M. H. B. Burkett, member of Cleveland and Benton Quarterly Conference.

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

Wm. H. Rogers, P. E.; Jacksborough, Robert O. Ayers, J. B. Little; Huntsville, James Durham; Jamestown, Absalom B. Wright; Montgomery, John Forrester; Cumberland, to be supplied; Jasper and Altamont, E. Still; Hamilton, P. H. Reed; Pikeville and Spencer, Joseph W. Peace.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

F. M. Fanning, P. E.; Asheville, Thomas W. Atkin; Burnsville and Catawba, to be supplied; Henderson, Wm. P. Jackson; Transylvania, A. F. English; Sulphur Springs, John F. Woodfin; Waynesville, B. F. Wells; Webster and Franklin, John G. Trull; Fort Emory and Murphy, to be supplied

John B. Ford, transferred to the Illinois Conference and stationed at Shelbyville.